

Durham Police Department
2011 Third Quarter Report
December 5, 2011

The Durham Police Department reported a one percent decrease in overall Part 1 violent and property crimes during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. The Part 1 crime total is a three-year low. Violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) was up by three percent while property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) dropped by two percent. Crime was down in three of the seven Part 1 crime categories – homicide, larceny and motor vehicle theft. [The numbers used in this report are preliminary numbers and may change slightly when the final statistics are completed].

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010-2011 % Change</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	17	24	22	-8%
<i>Rape</i>	46	56	59	5%
<i>Robbery</i>	525	502	509	1%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	607	698	728	4%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	1196	1280	1318	3%

There were 22 homicides and one officer-involved fatal shooting reported in Durham during the first nine months of 2011. Arrests have been made in 11 cases and the suspect in one case killed himself. Investigators also made arrests in two cold cases from 2010. The increase in violent crime was driven by a rise in the number of aggravated assaults. While the number of aggravated assault victims rose by four percent, the number of actual incidents dropped slightly from 547 reported during the first nine months of 2010 to 536 during the same time period in 2011.

<i>Part 1 Property Crime</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010-2011 % Change</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	2750	2657	2863	8%
<i>Larceny</i>	5373	5406	5148	-5%
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	541	581	469	-19%
<i>Property Crime</i>	8664	8644	8480	-2%
<i>Index Crime</i>	9859	9921	9798	-1%

Larcenies, motor vehicle thefts and overall Part 1 property crimes were at a three-year low for the January through September time period. Burglary was the only Part 1 property crime to show an increase during the first nine months of 2011. More than 86 percent of the burglaries were to residences and the most commonly stolen items included computer hardware and software, radio/television/VCR/stereo equipment, jewelry and precious metals, tools and cash.

During the third quarter, the Police Department began a new proactive initiative – RAP (Residential Awareness Program) – designed to reduce burglaries. Studies have shown that when a burglary occurs to a residence, that residence and others within one city block are significantly more likely to be burglarized within the next two weeks. Every week since mid-September the Police Department’s Crime Analysis Unit has examined reports to determine locations and neighborhoods where burglaries are likely to occur in the near future. Once these locations are established, crime prevention officers provide residents with crime prevention tips and officers conduct high visibility patrols in the area. In addition, the Police Department now sends Code Red alerts to residents in the affected areas. Investigators made several arrests during the first week of RAP as a result of information generated from residents.

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes – Year-to-Date January-September

	<i>YTD 2009</i>	<i>YTD 2010</i>	<i>YTD 2011</i>
<i>Murder</i>	1	1	7
<i>Rape</i>	6	10	10
<i>Robbery</i>	12	7	14
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	165	180	166
<i>Violent Crime</i>	184	198	197
<i>Burglary</i>	39	64	56
<i>Larceny</i>	41	51	68
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	3	10	10
<i>Property Crime</i>	83	125	134
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	267	323	331

Statistics provided by the Police Department’s Domestic Violence Unit

Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for Jan-Sep 2011

Offense	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault		1			4	1	1	3	1	20	9	40
All Other Offenses			2			2	10	2	6	32	57	111
Burglary							4	5	8	14	21	52
Disorderly Conduct										2	4	6
Driving While Impaired											6	6
Drug Violations							5	2	8	21	56	92
Embezzlement											1	1
Fraud								1	2	2	1	6
Larceny			1	1	2	9	13	28	33	31	59	177
Liquor Law Violations											2	2
Non-Reportable Offenses								2	6	3	9	20
Offenses Against Family										2	1	3
Robbery					1	1				4	8	14
Sex Offenses							3	4		4		11
Simple Assault		2		1	9	4	11	8	19	16	25	95
Stolen Property									4	12	11	27
Vandalism	1	1	2	1	1	5	7	4	4	3	6	35
Weapon Violations					1				5	7	10	23
Grand Total	1	4	5	3	18	22	54	59	96	173	286	721

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